

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Sophie Jones
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: September 26, 2025 Return: September 26, 2025  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: New York, NY Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Council on Foreign Relations
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Please see attached documentation for list of meetings and events attended.
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a.  I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*  
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature of Traveler: Sophie Jones Digitally signed by Sophie Jones  
Date: 2025.10.14 10:15:58 -04'00' Date: 10-14-2025

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Sara Jacobs Date: 10-14-2025

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Council on Foreign Relations

2. Travel Destination(s): New York, New York

3. Date of Departure: Friday, September 26, 2025 Date of Return: Friday, September 26, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Sophie Jones

*Note:* You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$478	\$0	\$71	\$0
Accompanying Family Member				

6.  All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box.*

**I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Jessica L. Harrington Digitally signed by Jessica L. Harrington  
Date: 2025.10.02 12:29:48 -04'00' Date: 10/2/25

Name: Jessica Harrington Title: Director, Government Affairs

Organization: Council on Foreign Relations

**I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.**

Address: 1777 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20006

Telephone: 202.509.8410 Email: jharrington@cfr.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

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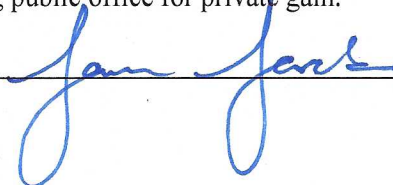
## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Sophie Jones
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: New York, NY
4. a. Date of Departure: September 26, 2025 Date of Return: September 26, 2025  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
  - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
As Staff Director of the Africa Subcommittee and Congresswoman Jacobs' senior foreign policy advisor, I have been a participant in CFR's foreign policy study group this year. Traveling with the rest of the study group to New York to meet with foreign policy, economic, and national security experts at CFR's headquarters will allow me to gain additional knowledge and expertise in Africa and other foreign policy matters to better advise the Congresswoman.
9. Yes  No  **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 8-18-2025

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## TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

**This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).**

**Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Sophie Jones

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**I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Sophie Jones

Digitally signed by Sophie Jones  
Date: 2025.08.18 10:25:31 -04'00'

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Sara Jacobs / House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa

Office Address: 2147 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-5021

Email Address of Contact Person: sophie.jones@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

**NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.**

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.** Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

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## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Council on Foreign Relations

2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**

b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**

c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): Please see attached documentation.

Each house staffer was invited because their work includes issues relevant to CFR's expertise including foreign policy, national security, global health, international economics, and similar global challenges.

5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: Friday, September 26, 2025 Date of Return: Friday, September 26, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): New York, NY

c. City of return: Washington, DC

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**

b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**

c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
  - d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. \_\_\_\_\_
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10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
  - b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor’s interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
- The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is the sole sponsor of this trip. CFR is an independent think tank dedicated to educating policymakers on Capitol Hill. The program will allow participants to attend panel discussions and meet with foreign policy and national security experts located in CFR’s New York office.
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13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: Subway)
  - b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_
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14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
  - b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If “b” is checked:
    - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): Approximately \$50 per day.
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The Council on Foreign relations is headquartered in New York, NY.
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_
- Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_
- Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_
- Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

17.  I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$450	N/A	\$50
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	<b>Other</b> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of “Other” Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

- a.  I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee’s Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Jessica L. Harrington Digitally signed by Jessica L. Harrington  
Date: 2025.07.16 17:24:56 -04'00' Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Jessica Harrington Title: Director, Government Affairs

Organization: Council on Foreign Relations

Address: 1777 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006

Email: jharrington@cfr.org Telephone: 202-509-8410

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Friday, September 26, 2025  
Council on Foreign Relations  
Congressional Foreign Policy Study Group

*Government Affairs Program*

# Congressional Foreign Policy Study Group: New York Program

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The presentation, discussion, and question-and-answer period will be off the record. This means that participants are not allowed to repeat anything heard at the meeting, identify the speakers, nor state that they attended the meeting at CFR.



# COUNCIL *on* FOREIGN RELATIONS

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## ***Congressional Foreign Policy Study Group New York Program***

*Friday, September 26, 2025*

7:40 a.m. Depart Union Station (Amtrak 112)

11:14 a.m. Arrive at New York Moynihan Train Hall

11:40 a.m. Arrive at Council on Foreign Relations (58 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street, New York)

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Coffee Reception

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Networking Lunch  
Participants will have the opportunity to meet and network with CFR Members based in New York.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Council on Foreign Relations General Meeting  
A Conversation with Volker Türk, *United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*  
Moderated by Linda Thomas-Greenfield, *Former United States Ambassador to the United Nations;*  
*Board Member, Council on Foreign Relations*  
Participants will discuss the future of human rights on the global stage and the role of the United Nations in protecting those rights.

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  
Discussion with Ambassador Michelle Gavin, *Ralph Bunche Senior Fellow for Africa Policy Studies,*  
*Council on Foreign Relations*  
Participants will discuss the political, economic, and social implications of demographic change across Africa.

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  
Discussion with Dr. Benn Steil, *Senior Fellow and Director of International Economics, Council on Foreign Relations*  
Participants will discuss U.S. trade and tariff policy, U.S. economic security, and the future of the global economy.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Discussion with Mr. David Sacks, *Fellow for Asia Studies, Council on Foreign Relations*  
Participants will discuss U.S.-China relations, escalating cross-strait tension, and Indo-Pacific security.

5:00 p.m. Meeting Concludes; Depart CFR for New York Moynihan Train Hall

6:08 p.m. Depart New York Moynihan Train Hall (Amtrak 197)

9:32 p.m. Arrive in Washington, DC

# Participants

Lev Bagramian

*U.S. House of Representatives Committee on  
Financial Services*

Molly Barlow

*U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations*

John Bleed

*Office of Representative Blake D. Moore*

Madeleine Dierksheide

*Office of Representative J. French Hill*

Connor Hale

*Office of Representative James Moylan*

Zach D. Huff

*Office of Representative Abraham J. Hamadeh*

Sophie Jones

*U.S. House of Representatives Committee on  
Foreign Affairs*

Aaron Jordan

*U.S. House of Representatives Committee on  
Foreign Affairs*

Sal Lee

*Office of Senator Angus King*

Anna McDonald

*Office of Representative Sydney K. Kamlager-Dove*

Evan Patterson

*Office of Representative Frank D. Lucas*

Beau Shaw

*U.S. House of Representatives Committee on  
Foreign Affairs*

Gil Thompson

*Office of Representative Bradley Schneider*

Karthik Venkatraman

*Office of Representative Pat Fallon*

## **Volker Türk**

Volker Türk is the current United Nations high commissioner for human rights. Türk took up his official functions as high commissioner in October 2022 after previously serving as undersecretary-general for policy in the executive office of the United Nations secretary-general where he coordinated global policy work.

Türk has worked to ensure UN system-wide coordination in the follow-up to the secretary-general's "call to action for human rights" and his report, *Our Common Agenda*, which sets out a vision to tackle the world's interconnected challenges on foundations of trust, solidarity and human rights. He previously served as assistant secretary-general for strategic coordination in the executive office of the secretary-general from 2019 to 2021. As assistant high commissioner for protection in the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva from 2015 to 2019, Türk played a key role in the development of the landmark Global Compact on Refugees.

Türk has held a number of key positions including at UNHCR headquarters where he served as director of the Division of International Protection from 2009 to 2015; director of Organizational Development and Management from 2008 to 2009; and chief of section, Protection Policy and Legal Advice from 2000 to 2004. Türk also served UNHCR around the world, including as representative in Malaysia; assistant chief of mission in Kosovo and in Bosnia and Herzegovina, respectively; regional protection coordinator in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and in Kuwait.

Türk holds a doctorate in international law from the University of Vienna and a master of laws degree from the University of Linz, Austria.

## **Michelle Gavin**

Michelle D. Gavin is the Ralph Bunche senior fellow for Africa policy studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. She has over twenty-five years of experience in international affairs in government and non-profit roles. She was formerly the managing director of the Africa Center, a multidisciplinary institution dedicated to increasing understanding of contemporary Africa. From 2011 to 2014 she was the U.S. ambassador to Botswana and served concurrently as the U.S. representative to the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

During Gavin's tenure, the United States and Botswana launched the most ambitious HIV prevention study in the world; Botswana hosted Southern Accord, the 1,400-strong joint SADC-U.S. military exercise; and the U.S. embassy helped to found Botswana's first American Chamber of Commerce. Prior to that, she was a special assistant to President Obama and the senior director for Africa at the National Security Council, where she helped to originate the Young African Leaders Initiative and led major policy reviews of Sudan and Somalia.

Before joining the Obama administration, Gavin was an international affairs fellow and adjunct fellow for Africa at CFR. Earlier in her career she worked in the U.S. Senate, where she was the staff director for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's subcommittee on African affairs, director of international policy issues for Senator Russ Feingold, and legislative director for Senator Ken Salazar.

Gavin received an MPhil in international relations from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes scholar, and earned her BA from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, where she was a Truman scholar.

## **Benn Steil**

Benn Steil is senior fellow and director of international economics at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. He is the lead writer of the Council's *Geo-Graphics* economics blog, and the creator of nine web-based interactives tracking global monetary policy, global inflation, global imbalances, global growth, global trade, global energy, sovereign risk, China's Belt and Road, and central bank currency swaps.

Steil has written and spoken widely on international finance, monetary policy, financial markets, and economic and diplomatic history. He has testified before the U.S. Senate, House, and Commodity Futures Trading Commission. His most recent book, *The World That Wasn't: Henry Wallace and the Fate of the American Century*, was named in *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, and *Financial Times* "best books of 2024" lists.

Prior to his joining the Council in 1999, Steil was director of the International Economics Programme at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) in London. He came to the Institute in 1992 from a Lloyd's of London Tercentenary Research fellowship at Nuffield College, Oxford, where he received his MPhil and DPhil in economics. Steil also holds a BSc in economics summa cum laude from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

## **David Sacks**

David Sacks is a fellow for Asia studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, where his work focuses on U.S.-China relations, U.S.-Taiwan relations, Chinese foreign policy, cross-strait relations, and the political thought of Hans Morgenthau. In 2023, Sacks served as the project director for CFR's Independent Task Force on U.S.-Taiwan Relations, which was chaired by Admiral (ret.) Michael G. Mullen and Susan M. Gordon. He also co-directed CFR's Independent Task Force on China's Belt and Road Initiative, which was chaired by Jacob J. Lew and Admiral (ret.) Gary Roughead. He is a regular commentator on U.S.-Taiwan and cross-strait relations. His writings have appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, the *National Interest*, *Time*, the *Diplomat*, the *Hill*, and the *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*.

Prior to joining CFR, Sacks worked on political military affairs at the American Institute in Taiwan, which handles the full breadth of the United States' relationship with Taiwan in the absence of diplomatic ties. Sacks was also a Princeton in Asia fellow in Hangzhou, China. Sacks received his bachelor's degree in political science from Carleton College and his master's degree in international relations and international economics from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

**Jessica Harrington**—*Presiding*

Jessica L. Harrington is the director of Government Affairs at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, DC. In this capacity, she leads the Government Affairs program as well as CFR's diplomatic program and executive branch initiative. She sets strategy and directs outreach to the policymaking community on a wide range of foreign policy, national security, and international economic issues. Harrington previously worked at Partnership for a Secure America, a nonprofit focused on developing bipartisan solutions to foreign policy challenges, where she designed, developed, and implemented congressional programs; arranged study tours in conjunction with Washington-based embassies; and directed strategic communications. Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, Harrington holds a bachelor's degree in political science and public relations from the Pennsylvania State University. Harrington earned her master's degree in American government from Georgetown University, where she focused on congressional-executive relations.



## Government Affairs Program

The Government Affairs program engages policymakers on Capitol Hill with a series of initiatives that include:

**Congressional Senior Staff Roundtable Series** – near-weekly lunch roundtable discussions for senior congressional staff on a variety of foreign affairs topics presented by a CFR fellow, member, or contributor.

**Foreign Policy Breakfast Forum Series** – private, in-depth, and off-the-record breakfast briefings for a member of Congress and their relevant senior staff by a group of issue-area experts on a foreign policy, homeland security, geoeconomics, or national security issue that the senator or representative views as a priority. These briefings are held in the Capitol complex in a location as convenient as possible to the member of Congress.

**Expert Bank Briefings** – private briefings provided on request on any topic of choice for a member of Congress or their staff with one or two CFR experts. These can be conducted in-person or virtually.

**House & Senate Principals Breakfasts** – quarterly, member-level breakfast discussions co-hosted by former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) and former Congressman Vin Weber (R-MN) providing members of Congress an opportunity to explore pressing foreign policy and national security issues with top experts in the field.

**Congressional Foreign Policy Study Group** – a competitive program offering qualified mid- to senior-level congressional staff an opportunity for in-depth, focused examinations of critical foreign policy issues relevant to decision makers on Capitol Hill. The program runs from March through October and includes monthly dinner discussions and culminates with a daylong visit to CFR's New York headquarters around the United Nations General Assembly.

**Senate Chiefs of Staff Dinner Series** – private dinner discussions for Senate chiefs of staff to discuss foreign policy topics with Council experts in a nonpartisan and not-for-attribution forum.

**Testimony** – Council fellows are available testify before congressional committees.

**Distribution of Resources** – the program distributes both hard copy and electronic versions of CFR materials on topics before the United States Congress including topics to be discussed in upcoming hearings, legislative issues, current affairs, recent developments in international relations, and recent CFR publications.

**Briefing Packets** – the program will provide comprehensive packets of CFR materials and publications on any topic of choice for a member of Congress or their staff on request.

**To request any of the above, or if you feel CFR may be of assistance in any way, please email [congress@cfr.org](mailto:congress@cfr.org).**

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11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Coffee Reception

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Networking Lunch  
Participants will have the opportunity to meet and network with CFR Members based in New York.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Council on Foreign Relations General Meeting  
*A Conversation with Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*  
Moderated by Linda Thomas-Greenfield, *Former United States Ambassador to the United Nations;*  
*Board Member, Council on Foreign Relations*  
Participants will discuss the future of human rights on the global stage and the role of the United Nations in protecting those rights.

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  
Discussion with Ambassador Michelle Gavin, *Ralph Bunche Senior Fellow for Africa Policy Studies,*  
*Council on Foreign Relations*  
Participants will discuss developments across the continent including U.S. security and trade relations across the region.

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  
Discussion with Dr. Benn Steil, *Senior Fellow and Director of International Economics, Council on Foreign Relations*  
Participants will discuss U.S. trade and tariff policy, U.S. economic security, and the future of the global economy.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Discussion with Dr. Michael Horowitz, *Senior Fellow for Technology and Innovation, Council on Foreign Relations*  
Participants will discuss the future of defense technology and the defense industrial base.

5:00 p.m. Meeting Concludes; Depart CFR for New York Moynihan Train Hall

6:08 p.m. Depart New York Moynihan Train Hall (Amtrak 197)

9:32 p.m. Arrive in Washington, DC

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September 25, 2025

Ms. Sophie Jones  
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Jones:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to New York, New York, scheduled for September 26, 2025, sponsored by Council on Foreign Relations.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest  
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Ranking Member

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